

NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

General Practice Section & Committee on Professional Discipline Annual Meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

New York Hilton Midtown
1335 Avenue of the Americas
New York City

MCLE Morning Program

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Nassau Hill, 2nd Floor

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Under New York's MCLE rule, this program has been approved for a total of **4.0 credit hours; consisting of 2.0 credits in Areas of Professional Practice and 2.0 credits in Ethics**. This program is not transitional and will not qualify for credit for newly-admitted attorneys. Discounts and Scholarships: New York State Bar Association members and non-members may apply for a discount or scholarship to attend this program, based on financial hardship. Under this policy, any member of our Association or non-member who has a genuine basis for their hardship, if approved, can receive a discount or scholarship, depending on the circumstances. Request for discounts or scholarships must be received prior to January 13th, 2016. For more details, please contact Adriana Favreau in writing at New York State Bar Association, One Elk Street, Albany, New York 12207 or afavreau@nysba.org.

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9:00 - 9:10 a.m.

***General Practice Section Welcome,
Nomination of Officers and Introduction of Program***
Emily F. Franchina, Esq., Chair, General Practice Section

9:10 - 10:00 a.m.

CPLR Update (1.0 credit hour in Areas of Professional Practice)

Speaker:

David H. Rosen, Esq., Former Court Attorney/Referee,
New York State Supreme Court, Queens County, Jamaica

10:00 - 10:10 a.m.

Committee on Professional Discipline Welcome
Sarah Jo Hamilton, Esq., Chair, Committee on Professional Discipline
Introduction of Topic
Martin Minkowitz, Esq., Program Chair, Committee on Professional Discipline

10:10 - 11:50 a.m.

New Era in Attorney Ethics and Discipline: Ethics and Procedure of Attorney Discipline Under the New Uniform Rules (2.0 credit hours in Ethics)
After many years of suggested change to the widely disparate rules governing the procedures of attorney discipline in the four Appellate Divisions, new, uniform rules are replacing the old procedures. Discussion will focus on the changes in each Judicial Department involving how complaints are handled, discovery in disciplinary proceedings and the procedures governing formal charges; hearings; diversion and other aspects of attorney discipline. There will also be discussion of recommendations for change in standards of discipline, prosecutorial misconduct and other areas included in the September, 2015 Commission on Statewide Attorney Discipline Report and Recommendations.

Moderator:

Michael S. Ross, Esq., Law Offices of Michael S. Ross, New York City

Panelists:

Hon. A. Gail Prudenti, School of Law at Hofstra University, Hempstead
Former Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of New York State

Hon. Karen K. Peters, Presiding Justice Appellate Division, Third Department

Hon. Richard T. Andrias, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, First Department

Glenn Lau-Kee, Esq., Immediate Past President, New York State Bar Association
Kee & Lau-Kee, PLLC, New York City

Gregory J. Huether, Esq., Chief Attorney, Fourth Department, Grievance Committee

Sean M. Morton, Esq., Chief Court Attorney, Appellate division,
Third Department



11:50 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Update of the Fund

Speaker:

Timothy J. O'Sullivan, Esq.

New York State Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, Albany

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Hot Tips From the Experts (1.0 credit hour in Areas of Professional Practice)

Presentation of the latest issues in a variety of legal topics and updates on changes to law.

Moderator:

Willard H. DaSilva, Esq.

DaSilva & Hilowitz LLP, New City

Panelists:

Laurence Keiser, Esq.

Stern Keiser & Panken LLP, White Plains

Richard A. Klass, Esq.

The Law Office of Richard A. Klass, Esq., Brooklyn

James K. Riley, Esq.

O'Connell & Riley, Esqs., Pearl River

Alan D. Reitzfeld, Esq.

Holland & Knight LLP, New York City

Dwayne Weissman, Esq.

Law Office of Dwayne Weissman, Commack

1:00 p.m.

Program Concludes



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For questions about this specific program, please contact Adriana Favreau at 518-487-5630. **For registration questions only, please call 1-800-582-2452. Fax registration form to 518-463-5993.**

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